

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

**February 6, 2004**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S</b>	)	<b>03-00491</b>
<b>TRIENNIAL REVIEW ORDER – 9</b>	)	
<b>MONTH PROCEEDING – SWITCHING</b>	)	

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**ORDER GRANTING AT&T MOTION TO REQUIRE  
BELLSOUTH TO RESPOND TO DISCOVERY**

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This docket is before the Hearing Officer for consideration of *AT&T Motion to Require BellSouth to Respond to Discovery* filed by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC (“AT&T”) on February 3, 2004.

On January 20, 2004, AT&T served its second set of interrogatories on BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”). On January 30, 2004, BellSouth filed general and specific objections to each of the interrogatories. In its specific objections, BellSouth objected to each of the requests to the extent that each request seeks confidential information that BellSouth cannot disclose pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.2007 or protective agreements with competing carriers. BellSouth also asserts that it will only provide the information consistent with FCC rules and BellSouth-executed protective agreements.

In response to the objections, AT&T filed *AT&T Motion to Require BellSouth to Respond to Discovery* requesting that the Hearing Officer require BellSouth to respond to AT&T’s second set of interrogatories by February 11, 2004. On February 4, 2004, BellSouth filed a letter stating

that it has no objections to AT&T's motion and that it anticipates that its responses will be subject to the terms of the protective order previously entered in this proceeding

Based on the agreement of BellSouth to provide the information subject to the terms of the protective order, the Hearing Officer finds that AT&T's motion should be granted

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

*AT&T Motion to Require BellSouth to Respond to Discovery* is granted BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. shall provide the requested information by **Wednesday, February 11, 2004** and the responses shall be filed pursuant to the terms of the protective order attached to the *Order Adopting Proposed Protective Order* filed on November 21, 2003.

  
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Ron Jones, Director  
As Hearing Officer<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> During the September 22, 2003 Authority Conference, a panel of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority consisting of Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate and Directors Pat Miller and Ron Jones unanimously voted to appoint Director Ron Jones as the Hearing Officer to prepare the switching portion of this docket for a hearing by the panel *Order Appointing Hearing Officer* (Nov 13, 2003)